

# NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION NEWS RELEASE

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## STATE ED BOARD ANNOUNCES GRANTS FOR BEFORE- AND AFTER-SCHOOL CENTERS

Two Nebraska communities were recently awarded new federal grants for before- and after-school programs.

Before- and after-school programs will soon open at seven new sites in the Kearney and Lincoln communities. These programs provide extra help for students in reading, mathematics and other studies.

The State Board of Education approved grants for the following new programs:

- Kearney Public Schools received a \$284,457 federal grant for programs at Northeast Elementary School, Stone Elementary School, Horizon Middle School and Sunrise Middle School.
- Lincoln Public Schools received a \$288,000 federal grant for programs at Calvert Elementary School, Park Middle School and North Star High School.

In addition, seven quality programs at 13 schools across the state will continue to receive federal grants for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center programs. These grants are available for five years. The programs are:

- Achievers Consortium with program sites at Crawford Elementary School, Gordon Elementary School, Rushville Elementary School and Crawford Junior-Senior High School under a \$94,500 federal grant.
- Chadron Public Schools' program at Kenwood Elementary School received a \$50,000 continuation federal grant.
- Crete Public Schools' program at Crete Elementary School received a \$68,250 federal grant.
- Garden County Public Schools' program at Garden County Elementary School received a \$50,000 federal grant.
- Lincoln Public Schools' programs at Arnold Elementary School, McPhee Elementary School, Norwood Park Elementary School and Dawes Middle School received a \$140,940 federal grant.
- Middle School Learning Center Initiative (Omaha Community Foundation) received a \$50,000 continuation federal grant for an Omaha program at Monroe Middle School.

- Minatare Public Schools' program at Minatare Elementary School received a \$50,000 federal grant.

The primary goals of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers are improved student learning, increased social benefits and positive behavioral changes as well as increased family and community engagement in Nebraska schools.

In the past seven years, the Nebraska Department of Education has awarded 40 first-time federal grants for students at 107 different sites in 27 Nebraska communities.